Evaluation of Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana

2585. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any evaluation of Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana has been done;

(b) if so, the results thereof;

(c) if not, by when such a study would be conducted;

(d) the rate of loan recovery under it; and

(e) whether it has gone up or down?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) Yes, Sir. Evaluation of Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) has been done by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research, New Delhi for the implementation years 1993-94 to 1997-98. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) also conducts Filed Studies to evaluate the performance of the Scheme.

(b) The important findings of the Evaluation Studies are given in the statement. (*See* below)

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) As reported by the RBI, the recovery rate under the PMRY was 34.2% for the period ending March, 2001.

(e) The recovery rate has gone down when compared to the previous years.

Statement

The Important findings of the Evaluation of PMRY conducted by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research

(i) 61.3% of beneficiaries belong to general category, 25.7% to OBCs, 10.9% to SCs & 2.1% to STs. Proportion of women is 14%.

(ii) Sanction was 81.2% of target and 74.7% of sanctioned cases were disbursed.

(iii) Average amount of loan sanctioned is Rs. 57,403/- per beneficiary.

(iv) Employment Generated is 1.94 persons per functional unit.

(v) The distribution of the beneficiaries in rural/urban areas are 49.9% & 50.1% respectively.

(vi) Assets have been created in 89.7% of the cases disbursed.

(vii) About 65% of the beneficiaries have been reported to be default in the repayment of loan.

(viii) Willful default have been found to be in 16% of the default cases.

Establishment of fast Breeder Reactor in Kalpakkam

2586. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether villagers of Kalpakkam on East Coast in Chengalpathu district of Tamil Nadu are opposing upcoming of indigenously designed 500 MW fast breeder reactor because of the fear that it would affect the marine resources and spread harmful radiation causing diseases; and

(b) if so, whether Governmnet have clarified the actual position to the villagers to allay their fears?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) There are no direct instances of opposition to the proposed construction of the 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor(PFBR) at Kalpakkam from the nearby villagers. During the public hearing held at Kancheepuram on 27.7.2001, District Panchayat Members [representing 13 panachayats, Kancheepuram district (earlier known as Chengalpattu district)] have expressed support for the PFBR. However, representatives of the local villages and some Non-Government Oraganisations (NGOs) did raise issues pertaining to lack of job opportunities in the Kalpakkam DAE Units, the fear of radiation affecting the health of the people, depletion of water resources and the possibility of reduction in the fish catch.

(b) During the public hearing in July, 2001 a very detailed exposition was given by the concerned experts on the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) project indicating all the safety measures taken and the fact there would be no adverse effects due to radiation on the health of the public, or on the fish catch. That the project will not cause any extra burden on the water resources was also